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THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED

ESTABLISHED 1880.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....Yen 12,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....10,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....6,000,000

Head Office: YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies:
NEW YORK.
LONDON.
SAN FRANCISCO.
HONOLULU.
BOMBAY.
HANGHAI.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.
PARIS BANK, LD.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LD.

HONGKONG AGENCY: INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 3 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

On fixed deposits for 6 months at 4 per cent.
On fixed deposits for 3 months at 3 per cent.

S. CHOI, Agent.
Hongkong, 3rd October, 1898. [382]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....£1,000,000
Paid up Capital.....£ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Board of Directors:
E. Burnie, Esq., D. Gillies, Esq.,
Chan Kit Shun, Esq., Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,
Chow Tung Shing, Esq., J. T. Lant, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed.....5%
Hongkong, 24th March, 1898. [8]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Shanghai Tael.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....2,500,000

Head Office: SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies:
CANTON. HANKOW.
CHEFOO. PEKING.
CHINKIANG. SWATOW.
FOOCHOW. TIENTSIN.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection bills of exchange drawn on the above places, and sells drafts and telegraphic transfers payable at its branches and agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advances made on approved securities.
Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
On Current Account Fixed Deposits for 3 months.
3%
On Current Account Fixed Deposits for 6 months.
4%
On Current Account Fixed Deposits for 12 months.
5%

E. W. RUTTER, Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1898. [1237]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
R. M. GRAY, Esq., Chairman.
N. A. SIBBS, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
The Hon. J. J. Bell, Esq.,
E. Goetz, Esq.,
David Gubbay, Esq.,
A. H. Hui, Esq.,
R. H. Hill, Esq.,
A. J. Raymond, Esq.,
P. Sachs, Esq.,
R. Shawan, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong: T. JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai: J. P. WADDE, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS: LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG: INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 3 per cent.
per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1899. [9]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [10]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....£800,000
RESERVE FUND.....£450,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.
On Fixed Deposits for 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent.
On Fixed Deposits for 3 months, 3 per cent.

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 24th May, 1898. [31]

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL. REMARKS

Kobe (Direct).....Mazagon.....R. T. L. Cook, R.N.R. About 29th March. Freight only.

SHANGHAI.....Ballarat.....C. L. W. Field.....About 31st March. Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c.....Chusan.....E. Street.....Noon, 1st April. Freight or Passage.

JAPAN.....Rosetta.....C. H. Watkins, R.N.R. 1st April. Freight or Passage.

JAPAN, &c.....Java.....J. Chellie, R.N.R. About 6th April. Freight or Passage.

LONDON.....Formosa.....A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R. About 6th April. Freight or Passage.

JAPAN.....Canton.....W. H. Haughton, R.N.R. About 10th April. Freight only.

(Passing through the Inland Sea).....See Special Advertisement.

For Further Particulars apply to.....H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1899. [5]

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

FOR THE UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LD., LONDON.

CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE BEST QUALITIES OF ASBESTOS GOODS AND PACKINGS.

HYDRAULIC AND SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS, of all kinds.

"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.

ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT.....THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

27] HONGKONG, 24th March, 1899.

PEAK HOTEL

AND CRAIGIEBURN.

THE PEAK HOTEL is situated at VICTORIA GAP, adjoining the TRAMWAY TERMINUS, 1,350 feet above sea level.

CRAIGIEBURN is situated at PLUNKET'S GAP, five minutes walk from the PEAK HOTEL.

Fine Healthy location, variety of beautiful scenery. Cool Southern breezes in Summer with perfect protection against the North-East Winds in Winter.

Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.

CITY OFFICE, 7, Duddell Street, Hongkong, 4th January, 1899. [23]

A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

BOVRIL AS A BEVERAGE.

contains in a highly concentrated and easily digestible form the direct nourishment of prime ox beef, invigorating the healthy and strengthening invalids; whilst, for preparing sustaining Soups, Rich Gravies, Savoury Sauces, Croquettes, Rissoles and all Entrees, nothing equals

BOVRIL IN THE KITCHEN.

WATKINS & CO., Sole Agents.

PETER SYS' WONDERFUL SPECIFIC.

THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE for STRUPE, DYSENTERY, DIARRHOEA, HEMORRHOGE and ULCERATION of the BOWELS.

Recommended by some of the Chief Specialists of the Medical Profession. Sold retail by all Chemists and Wholesale by

THE PETER SYS COMPANY, (Proprietors and Sole Manufacturers), 9, Old China Street, Shanghai.

12th October, 1898. [1242]

THE PHARMACY.

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF

WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.

Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.

Also Sole Agents for the now well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER

TANSAN.

FLETCHER & CO. and CARMICHAEL & CO.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Company held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 7th day of March, 1899, the following RESOLUTION was passed:

That a CALL of ONE DOLLAR per Share upon all the Holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company in respect of all the Shares held by them in the above Company be and the same is hereby made. Such Calls to be PAID to the Company at their Bankers, THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 17th day of April, 1899.

And Notice is also given that in accordance with Articles 24 of the Company's Articles of Association interest will be charged as from the said 17th April, 1899, at the rate of 10 per centum per annum upon all CALLS remaining unpaid after the said 17th day of April, 1899, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

Shareholders are particularly requested to note that upon presentation at the Office of the Company of the Bankers' receipt for payment of the Call together with the certificate of the shares in respect of which the Call has been paid an endorsement to that effect will be made upon the certificate.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JAMES E. DUNCAN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [327]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE OFFICES of the COMPANY have been REMOVED to QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, PRAYA.

W. H. RAY, Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1899. [418]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICE of the ABOVE COMPANY has this day been REMOVED to the BUILDING on the NEW PRAYA, N.E. Corner, 3rd Floor.

D. GILLIES, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1899. [412]

ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on SATURDAY, the 1st April, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1899. [406]

Intimations.

GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held TO-MORROW, the 28th March, at 11.30 A.M. at the OFFICES of the Company, 7, Queen's Road Central, when a Resolution for the purpose of increasing the Capital of the Company will be submitted.

LUTGENS, EINSTAMANN & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1899. [3772]

LECTURE.

MR. GRANVILLE SHARP has kindly consented to deliver an Address, on "CRIMINATION," in the CHAMBER of COMMERCE Room, at the CITY HALL, TO-MORROW, the 28th March, 1899, at 5.15 P.M.

The MEETING is OPEN to the PUBLIC and LADIES are invited.

The Undersecretary will take the Chair. HENRY E. POLLOCK, Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG ODD VOLUMES SOCIETY, Hongkong, 24th March, 1899. [4092]

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on the 31st instant, GOOD FRIDAY, 1st April, SATURDAY, and 3rd April, EASTER MONDAY.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, G. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency, L. BERINDOAGUE, Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG, CHANTREY INCHBALD, Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, S. CHOI, Agent.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA, E. W. RUTTER, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 23th March, 1899. [4162]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following REGULATION made by His Excellency the Governor under Section 10 of the POST OFFICE ORDINANCE is published for general information.

REGISTERED CORRESPONDENCE. On and after this date no REGISTERED CORRESPONDENCE shall be received at the GENERAL POST OFFICE after 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the day of the departure of a Mail except upon payment of a late fee of 10 cents; and the receipt of all Registered Correspondence shall absolutely cease after 10.45 o'clock in the forenoon of such day.

By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th March, 1899. [4172]

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot.

TO-MORROW, the 28th day of March, 1899, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th February, 1899. [3902]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held To-morrow, the 28th day of March, 1899, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale. Locality. Boundary Measurements. Quantity in Square Feet. Annual Rent. Upset Price.

1. Wanchow Road. 5 95 8 5 595 75 1,518

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

MR. G. P. LAMBERT has received instructions from the Mortgagee to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION on the premises.

TOMORROW, the 28th March, 1899, at 3 P.M.

ALL THAT Valuable LEASEHOLD PROPERTY situate Nos. 50, 52 and 54, Lower Lascar Row, Victoria, Hongkong, and registered in the Land Office as SUBSECTIONS 1 of SECTION A of INLAND LOT No. 41.

The Property is held for the residue of the term of 75 years from the 26th June, 1843, and for the further term of 94 years from the expiry of the said term of 75 years at the apportioned CROWN RENT of 228.60.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from Messrs. DEACON & HASTINGS, 35, Queen's Road, Vendors Solicitors, and from the Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [1392]

To-day's
Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL.
TO-NIGHT: TO-NIGHT:
GRAND OPENING NIGHT,
OF
MESSRS. DALLAS AND MUSGRAVE'S
DRAMATIC COMPANY.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

PRICES—\$3, \$2 and \$1.
Box Plan at the ROBINSON PIANO Co.
Doors Open at 8.15. Overture at 9.
Soldiers and Sailors, (in Uniform), Half-price,
to Back Seats only.
W. H. BROWN,
Business Manager.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1899. [423a]

LAST FOUR NIGHTS.
TUESDAY NIGHT, at 9.
WARREN'S CIRCUS
and
Prof. BRISTOL'S EQUUS-CURRICULUM.
GALA BENEFIT
Tendered to the Popular
SISTERS WARREN
Who have won such high favor by their
BRILLIANT AERIAL RETURN ACT.
A MAMMOTH PROGRAMME
is now in preparation.

Sparkling Specialties,
Scientificating with Livid Flashes of
Merriment,
A Sure Cure for "The Blues" and a
Fitting Tribute to the Daring Artistes.
USUAL PRICES.
Children, half price.
SEATS at Messrs. COTTAM & Co.
In view of the advance booking patrons are
urged to book seats at the earliest opportunity.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1899. [323a]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL
COMPANY, LIMITED.

Issue of 3,122 Shares of \$50 each, fully paid
up.

THE Directors are prepared to receive
offers for the above Shares, which
remain unsold.

Applicants should state the price per
share, including premium, they are willing
to pay, but no shares will be allotted for less
than Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) per share.
Preference will be given in the allotment to
those persons who on the 15th April, 1899,
are registered as Shareholders.

The Directors do not bind themselves to
accept the highest or any offer.
Forms of Application (as under) can be
obtained at the COMPANY'S OFFICE or from
the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

The applications must be sent in to the
Undersigned not later than 5 o'clock P.M.,
on SATURDAY, the 15th April, 1899.
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1899.

FORM OF APPLICATION.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

Issue of 3,122 Shares of \$50 each, fully paid
up.

To the Directors of
THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

In pursuance of and upon the terms men-
tioned in the Notice dated 27th March,
1899, I beg to apply for _____ or any less
number that you may allot to me of the
above mentioned shares, for which I am
willing to pay a premium of \$_____ per share,
and I will pay the sum of \$50 per share and
the premium for or in respect of every share
allotted to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION not later than the
30th April, 1899.

(Name) _____
(Address) _____
(Date) _____
Hongkong, 27th March, 1899. [423a]

INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE
OFFICES will be CLOSED for the
Transaction of Public Business, on 31st instant,
(GOOD FRIDAY), the 1st April, SATUR-
DAY, and 3rd April, (EASTER MONDAY),
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.
General Managers.
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.
DOUGLAS JONES,
Secretary.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LTD.
W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LTD.
W. H. RAY,
Secretary.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.
SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

YANTZSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION,
LIMITED.
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Secretary.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.
W. H. DAVIS,
Local Manager.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1899. [415a]

To-day's
Advertisements.THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.
FRIDAY, the 31st instant, being GOOD
FRIDAY, the EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the above Named
Company called for the day, is POSTPONED
till SATURDAY, the 1st April, 1899, at 12
o'clock, NOON.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1899. [421a]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR AMOY.
THE Company's Steamship
"BELLEROPHON."

Captain Peters, will be despatched as above TO-
MORROW, the 28th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1899. [426a]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.
THE Company's Steamship

"SUISANG."
Captain Payne will be despatched as above on
TUESDAY, the 4th April, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1899. [427a]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.
THE Company's Steamship

"SUISANG,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods will be delivered from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining
on board after TUESDAY, the 28th instant, at
4 P.M., will be landed at Consignees' risk and
expense into Godowns at East Point.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1899. [426a]

FROM HAMBURG.
CONSIGNEES WANTED.

S.V. "ALBERT RICKMERS."

FOR 80 750 BAGS KAINIT.

THE Goods have been landed and stored
for account of consignees and can be
delivered on production of Bills of Lading and
payment of all charges incurred.
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Hongkong, 27th March, 1899. [422a]

Hotel.

WINDSOR HOTEL,
HONGKONG.

THIS ESTABLISHMENT, situated in the
elegant Building known as "CON-
NAUGHT HOUSE," offers First-class Accom-
modation to Residents and Travellers.
Passenger Elevator, from Entrance Hall to
each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendant.
Favourable Arrangements made for Families
and for Monthly or Extended Periods.
P. BOHM,
Proprietor & Manager.
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1899. [12]

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

PORTS
(For Invalids and General Use.)

B.—VINTAGE, superior quality.
Red Capsule \$14.40

C.—FINE OLD VINTAGE, su-
perior quality. Black
Capsule 10.20

D.—FINE OLD VINTAGE,
extra superior. Violet
Capsule (Old Bottled) 20.40

Port after removal should be rested
for a month before use. Wine re-
quired for drinking at once should be
ordered to be decanted at the Dis-
pensary before being sent out.
These Wines are too favourably
known to need comment.

Sample bottles and smaller quanti-
ties will be supplied at proportionate
wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and
spirits to be genuine when bought
direct from us in the Colony or from
our authorised Agents at the Coast
Ports.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

BIRTH.

On the 16th March, at Hill Street, Singapore,
the wife of LEW YUK LIN, Acting Consul
General for China, of a son.

MARRIAGE.
At St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on the
15th March, by the Ven. Archdeacon Penham,
EDWARD JOHN HODGES, to ALICE CORTON.

DEATHS.
At Tientsin, on 12th March, R. B. MOSTYM,
aged 58 years.

At Tongshan, on March 16th, ALICE, eldest
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Moore, Chi-
nese Engineering and Mining Co., aged 12
years.

At 18, Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on the 21st
March, of pneumonia, KATHARINE BARBARA,
infant daughter of Alfred B. and Mary Rex,
aged 2 years and 4 months.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1899.

TELEGRAMS.

(By Telegraph.)
Special to the "Hongkong Telegraph."

FURTHER FIGHTING.
MANILA, March 27th,
5.39 p.m.

American advance continued during yester-
day. Philippines made determined opposi-
tion and burnt Malabon. Polo escaped before
coral effected.

PHILIPINOS DESPERATE.
The Philippines fought desperately but
could not prevent Americans passing Mey-
canayan, midway to Malolos.

GENERAL KILLED.
General Egbert and a German Prince
named Prince Lowenstein, who was accom-
panying the Americans, were killed. The
Americans lost 2 killed and 167 wounded.
Received at 6 p.m.
Published at 6.15 p.m.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

FAMINE IN RUSSIAN PROVINCES.
LONDON, March 26th.
Terrible accounts of famine accompanied by
typhus have been received from Samara and
other Volga provinces.

**GREAT BRITAIN AND THE
UNITED STATES.**
Mr. Bradrick stated in the House of Com-
mons that the United States had proposed a
Modus Vivendi for the Alaska Boundary ques-
tion.

THE BRITISH NORTH BORNEO CO.
The British North Borneo Co. is issuing
£350,000 in new shares.

**GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA IN
CHINA.**
The negotiations between Great Britain and
Russia regarding differences in China are
assuming a practical shape and an early con-
clusion is hoped for.

**RESULT OF THE GRAND NATIONAL
RACE.**
1.—Manifesto.
2.—Fordoffine.
3.—Elliman.

**LATEST BETTING ON THE BOAT
RACE.**
The latest betting on the University Boat
race is eleven to four on Cambridge.

THE UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE.
March 25th.
Cambridge won the University Boat
race by four lengths.

**GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA IN
CHINA.**
The Daily Graphic states that Russia has
finally secured the Newchwang Railway dis-
cussing entirely to the satisfaction of the British.
The paper expressly intimated that it was his
desire to give tangible proof of a peaceful dis-
position on the eve of the Disarmament Con-
ference. A Convention, defining the respec-
tive spheres of Great Britain and Russia in
China, will be signed shortly.

(From Japanese Papers).
**ANOTHER JAPANESE GUNBOAT FOR
CHINESE WATERS.**
TOKYO, March 16th.
The gunboat Taisaku, which has received a
special order, left Sasebo this morning for Foo-
chow. The ostensible reason for her dispatch
is the fear of risings at Chinese ports.

THE ALLEGED AMERICAN DEMAND.
TOKYO, March 16th.
A Peking despatch has been received in
Tokyo denying the report that America had
demanded a Settlement at Amoy under the
exclusive control of the United States.

**THE CHINESE MINISTER AND
MARQUIS ITO.**
TOKYO, March 16th.
Immediately on receiving a telegram from
his Government yesterday, the Chinese Min-
ister paid a visit to Marquis Ito and had a
conversation with him. After the Chinese Min-
ister for the Imperial Household called on
Marquis Ito and had a conference lasting about
an hour.

LOUBETS CLEMENCY.
SAIGON, March 15th.
President Loubet has announced the pardon
of 250 persons condemned to fines in con-
nection with the demonstrations of February.

THE SECRET DOSSIER.
M. de Freycinet, Minister of War, will soon
communicate to the Court of Cassation the
secret portfolio in the Dreyfus affair.

PICQUARTS TRIAL.
Lieut-Colonel Picquart has been handed
over to civil justice.

THE PHILIPPINE QUESTION.
A VERY DOUBTFUL RUMOUR.
TOKYO, March 17th.
Nothing seems to be definitely decided
about the disposal of the Philippines. It is
stated that the United States proposes to
accede to a part of Aguinaldo's demand and
place the islands under the joint protection of
Great Britain, Japan and America, and that
negotiations are in progress between the three
Powers.

**RUSSIAN ACTIVITY AT PORT
ARTHUR.**
TOKYO, March 17th.
According to the latest news from North
China, Russia seems to be hurrying forward
the works of defence at Port Arthur with great
energy. A considerable number of coolies are
employed, who work day and night. It is
arranged to repair all the existing forts there
and construct new forts along the coast between
Port Arthur and Talienwan.

**M. PAVLOFF AND THE KOREAN
GOVERNMENT.**
SEOUL, March 17th.
M. Pavloff, the Russian Minister at Seoul,
has addressed an official note to the Korean

Foreign Office, requesting that the negotiations
between the Korean Government and a Russian
subject regarding the whaling industry should
be settled in three days. The Russian Minister
added that otherwise he would see the Emperor
in person and represent the matter to the
Throne. It appears that the draft of agreement
was made three weeks ago, and the negotiations
were to be settled in five days.

NEW JAPANESE WAR VESSELS.

TOKYO, March 17th.
The new torpedo destroyer *Murakumo*, built
in England and now on her way to Japan,
arrived at Colombo yesterday.

The new cruiser *Kasagi* left Portsmouth for
Gibraltar on the 16th inst.

THE CANADIAN TEA DUTY.

TOKYO, March 17th.
Mr. Otani, the President of the Central
Board of Tea Guilds, is taking steps to present
a memorial asking that negotiations should be
entered upon with the Canadian Government
against the imposition of the tax on tea pro-
posed in Canada.

RUSSIA AND KOREA.

SEOUL, March 18th.
The position of the Council to the grant of
a lease of the whaling stations demanded by
Russia is very strong, rendering any arrange-
ment very difficult. The Russian Minister
has communicated his intention to submit the
matter to the judgement of the Emperor.

GERMANY AND CHINA.
TOKYO, March 19th.
A dispatch to the Government announces
that German men-of-war are cruising in the
vicinity of Fukien, apparently surveying the
coast of a certain place there.

CHANG-CHIH-TUNG.
SHANGHAI, March 19th.
Chang Chih-tung, the Viceroy of Hui Kiang,
has been ordered to Peking. It is believed
that he will be transferred to the Central
Government.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

AMENDED prison regulations are published
in the Gazette.

The appointment of Mr. A. W. Brewin to be
Acting Registrar-General in addition to his
duties as Inspector of Schools is gazetted.

A RETURN match at Hockey, Over 1 Century
The Rest, will take place to-morrow at
4.45 p.m. The first match resulted in a tie.

A PROCLAMATION is published in the Gazette
extending the prohibition of the export of arms
for a further period of four months from the
28th March.

THE M. & M. steamship *Ernest Simons*
arrived to-day with the French mail from En-
gland. Letters will be delivered at 7.30 p.m. and
papers at 9 p.m.

It is notified in the Gazette that Sir Henry Ar-
thur Clark, C.M.G., has been pleased to accept
the position of Honorary Colonel of the Hong-
kong Volunteer Corps.

H.M.S. *Centurion* left for the North at 7 o'clock
this morning. She is to spend a couple of days
at target practice on the other side of the island
before proceeding further.

H.E. the Governor has given his assent, in the
name and on behalf of the Queen, to the
Ordinance to amend the law relating to Soli-
citors of the Supreme Court.

It is notified in the Gazette that Saturday next
is to be observed as a public holiday. Easter
Monday, being a bank holiday, is to be
observed as a holiday throughout the Govern-
ment departments.

As announced in our advertising columns, Mr.
Granville Sharp will deliver a lecture to-
morrow at the Chamber of Commerce Room,
City Hall, under the auspices of the Old
Volunteers Society, on "Cremation." The public
and ladies are invited to attend.

A NOTIFICATION with reference to the posting
of registered correspondence is published. Such
correspondence is not to be posted after ten
o'clock in the forenoon of the day of the depar-
ture of a mail except upon payment of a late
fee of ten cents, and the receipt of all registered
correspondence is to be absolutely cease at 10.45
a.m. on such days.

The following notification appears in the
Gazette.—The attention of this Government
has been directed to the fact of the illegal use
of the British flag on certain vessels. Only
vessels having certificates of Imperial registry
under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping
Act, 1894, or vessels having certificates of
Colonial registry, under Ordinance No. 26 of
1891, are entitled to be recognized as British
ships and to fly the British flag.

It is notified in the Gazette that, in the absence
of further rainfall, on and after Saturday next
the supply of water will be turned on in the
public mains during the following hours only:
—In the city of Victoria below Cairne Road from
6 a.m. to 10 a.m. In Seymour Road, south side of
Robins Road, and south of Upper Richmond
from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. In Queen's Gardens Road,
from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. In Peak Road above
Queen's Gardens from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and in
Peak Road below Queen's Gardens from 8 a.m.
to 9 a.m.

According to the *Universal Gazette*, Italy
demanded the lease of Sanman Bay on the
ground that during China's war with Japan
Italy assisted in declaring Shanghai a neutral
port, and she is therefore entitled to some con-
cession. The Empress Dowager regarding the
demand as utterly unreasonable, ordered the
dispatch to be returned, in consequence of
which the Italian Minister sent an ultimatum
to the Tsungli Yamen on the 12th inst. giving
them 48 hours to reply which, up to the 14th,
has not been done.

WARREN'S Circus gave a matinee last Satur-
day afternoon sending round tickets at greatly
reduced rates to the different schools in Hong-
kong. The youngsters, both boys and girls,
came in great numbers and before the perform-
ance began all the seats were packed. There
is nothing that appeals to the juvenile mind so
much as a circus, and so it is hardly necessary
to say that the audience on this occasion was
enthusiastic enough to satisfy the most exacting
of professionals. The evening's performance
did not draw quite as large a number as usual
on Saturday nights but of course this is easily
accounted for by the attraction of the concert
given at the Theatre Royal. We are informed
that Thursday night will be absolutely the last
performance in Hongkong. A gala benefit
will be given to the Sisters Warren to-morrow
night, when a mammoth programme will be
put on.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

To-night, Messrs Dallas & Musgrave Com-
mence their Season in Hongkong with Wilson
Barrett's great masterpiece, "The Sign of the
Cross." The box plan is nearly full for to-night
and the succeeding plans are filling so rapidly
that this talented Company may confidently
look forward to adding another to their already
long list of successes.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

CHALLENGE SHIELD FINAL.

HONGKONG F. C. WINS THE SHIELD.
THE CLUB ESTABLISHES A RECORD
IN HONGKONG.

For the first time in the Challenge Shield
competition the Hongkong F. C. has this season
come off victorious and won the trophy hand-
somer, as well as a neat little gold medal for
each player, each of whom must feel proud of
the Club's success. We feel like "shaking
hands with ourselves," too, and we are going to
blow our own trumpet, having given the
Club to win from the very start, and we have
also successfully named every winner of every
tie.

The competition has caused more interest to
be taken in it this season than heretofore, that
is by civilians, on account of the Club remaining
in it to the last. And from the games played
the following deductions have been drawn:—

First, that the winners of the Shield have
scored 12 goals without a single point being
scored against them—a feat which no other
Club has performed in previous seasons.

Two games only were played in the first
round and were won by Hongkong F. C. and the
25th Company, Southern Division, Royal
Artillery, both teams scoring six goals to the
non-winners' one.

In the second round there were seven games
contested. Twenty-five goals were scored in
this round, all the losing teams being un-
successful indeed, for out of the 25 goals they
only scored two. H.M.S. *Victorious* claim the
distinction of having scored the most goals
during any one game in the competition (5)

which was against E. Co., R.W. Fusiliers.
G. Company, C. Co., R.W. Fusiliers, and
Hongkong F. C., H. M. ships *Victorious* and
Powful, and 38th Co., R.A., won the third
round, scoring 10 goals to three.

H.M.S. *Powful* was ordered away before the
semi-final took place, and, in consequence,
the 38th Co., R.A., received a bye, the only
two teams contesting the round being Hong-
kong F.C. and H.M.S. *Victorious*, which was
won by the Club by 2 goals to nothing.

Owing to the drawn game at the call of the
ordinary time on Saturday, the 38th Co., R.A.,
have twice played drawn games during the tie,
and the 25th Co. Artillery team did a like
thing.

Following is a list of the games played by
the teams named, and the scores made by
each, also the dates on which the matches
were contested:—

FIRST ROUND.
January 25th—25th Co., S.D., R.A., beat C. Co.,
R.W.F. by 6 goals to 1.
February 1st—Hongkong F.C. beat E. Co.,
R.W.F. by 6 goals to 1.

SECOND ROUND.
February 8th—H.M.S. *Victorious* beat E. Co.,
R.W.F. by 5 goals to 0.
February 10th—H.M.S. *Victorious* beat 25th Co.,
R.W.F. by 3 goals to 0.
February 11th—R. Engineers beat D. Co., R.W.F. by
4 goals to 0.
February 12th—38 Co., R.A., beat Victoria
R.C. by 10 goals to 3.
February 13th—38 Co., R.A., beat H.M.S.
Centurion by 10 goals to 3.
February 14th—38 Co., R.A., beat H.M.S.
Centurion by 10 goals to 3.
February 15th—Hongkong F.C. beat A. Co., R.
by 2 goals to 0.
February 16th—Hongkong F.C. beat A. Co., R.
by 2 goals to 0.

THIRD ROUND.
March 4th—Hongkong F.C. beat Royal Engineers
by 2 goals to 0.
March 6th—H.M.S. *Powful* beat 25th Co.,
R.A., by 2 goals to 0.
March 7th—H.M.S. *Powful* beat 25th Co.,
R.A., by 2 goals to 0.
March 8th—38th Co., S.D., R.A., beat G. Co.,
R.W.F. by 2 goals to 0.
March 9th—38th Co., S.D., R.A., beat G. Co.,
R.W.F. by 2 goals to 0.

FINAL.
March 25th—Hongkong F.C. beat 38th Co., S.D.,
R.A., by 2 goals to 0.

Total goals..... 42 to 6.
In the absence of Mr. J. W. L. Oliver, Messrs.
H. W. Looker and J. Brown acted as referees
in two or three matches.
The teams for the final faced each other as
under:—

(HONGKONG F. C.)
Goalkeeper—
Backs—
Forwards—
(ARTILLERY.)
Goalkeeper—
Backs—
Forwards—

Mr. J. W. L. Oliver was referee, and Sergt.
Barlow, of the Kowloon F.C., and Mr. Tuohy,
V.R.C., were line-men.

The weather unfortunately was very unprop-
itious and was the means of keeping a big
number of people from visiting the Happy
Valley. During the morning the sky was over-
cast and murky clouds scudded along it threaten-
ing a down pour of rain, and about an hour
before the commencement of the game it
showered steadily and increased in volume as
the match progressed, rendering the ground
almost unfit for play. The spectators who were
unable to avail themselves of the covered stand,
erected for the occasion, stood their ground
plucky—foolhardily some people will perhaps
say—during the downpour, and were fairly
drenched. But their remaining till the end of
the game proves that there are at least a couple
thousand football enthusiasts in Hongkong. On
the stand, Sir Henry, Lady and Miss Blake
were surrounded by another five or six hundred
lovers of the good old kicking sport.

After the Club team had been photographed,
the players entered the field of play to the
cheering shouts of admirers; and the artillery
were cheered by their supporters a minute or
two later.

Mr. Oliver, a very fair and unbiased referee,
lined the teams up well to time, and Noble set
the ball a-going. The first attack was made by
Hongkong, but Green and Lowe's effort to get
very close was stopped by Wilson, and then
the Artillery ran into Hongkong's quarters.
Anton secured and sent to Lowe, who stumbled
when he

on the condition that such dogs will not be permitted to land at any port or place at which rabies is known, or has been declared, to exist within a period of six months prior to the date of such landing.

SPECIAL

No dog brought from the the port or Settlement of Shanghai will be permitted to land in this colony for a period of twelve months from the date of this Notification.

MORE RINDERPEST AT CAUSEWAY BAY.

A special meeting of the Hongkong Sanitary Board was held this morning to consider a further outbreak of rinderpest at Causeway Bay. The President (Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Principal Civil Medical Officer) occupied the chair, and there were also present the Vice-President (the Hon. F. H. May, Captain Superintendent of Police), the Hon. W. C. Ormsby (Director of Public Works), the Hon. A. W. Brewin (Acting Registrar-General), Mr. E. Osborne, Dr. Clark (Medical Officer of Health), and Mr. C. W. Duggan (Secretary). Mr. C. W. Ladd (Colonial Veterinary Surgeon) also attended.

The Secretary read a report from Mr. Ladd stating that another outbreak of rinderpest had taken place at Causeway Bay in a new shed immediately behind the stables declared infected. There were two cows and one calf in the shed, and of these five cows showed distinct signs of infection. He recommended the immediate slaughter and burial of the whole lot of animals.

The President said that as there was some doubt as to the legality of the meeting held the previous day, he ordered the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon to slaughter the diseased animals and issued notices for the meeting that day.

On the motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by the Vice-President, the shed in question was declared an infected area.

On the motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by the Hon. Mr. J. D. Ormsby, the action of the President in ordering the slaughter of the diseased cattle was confirmed.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

Before Sir John Carrington, Kt., C.M.G., (Chief Justice.)

March 27th.

TANG YANG MAN v. BRUCE SHEPHERD. His Lordship gave judgment in this case, in which Tang Yang Man, by his next friend, Tang Chang Shi, was plaintiff, and Bruce Shepherd defendant. The case arose out of the parties interested in the subject matter of the suit, with a view to putting an end to a protracted and expensive litigation, came to an arrangement for the settlement of disputes as to the distribution of the estate of Tang Lok, deceased, and for the division of his estate amongst themselves, after the payment of specified sums of money to certain other persons. This arrangement was embodied in an agreement in writing, bearing date the 10th January, 1896. One of the terms of this agreement was that, on the ultimate division of the estate, the plaintiff's share of it was to be "assigned to the said Tang Yang Man, upon trust for the said Tang Yang Man." This agreement was brought before the Court for its sanction, and on the 11th January, 1896, the Court made an order by which it "approved of the agreement and ordered that the suit should be settled and the division of the estate of Tang Lok, deceased, finally determined under the order and direction of the Court according to the terms of the agreement." The agreement was then recited in full in the order. The case came before the Court on further consideration on the 14th August, 1897, but the point as to the disposition of the plaintiff's share of the estate was not dealt with in the order there made. The defendant Bruce Shepherd now moved the Court for an order to vary the order of the 11th January, 1896, in so far as it directed the assignment in trust for the plaintiff of his share in the estate of Tang Lok, and that in lieu thereof the said defendant might be directed to retain the share of the plaintiff in the estate until the plaintiff attained the age of 21 years and, on his attaining that age, to assign and pay over his share to the plaintiff himself. The motion was resisted on the grounds that, in respect of the point in which it was impeached, the order of the 11th January, 1896, was or might be prejudicial to and at any rate was an invasion of the rights of the defendant Bruce Shepherd, as administrator of the estate of Tang Lok. It was also alleged that the order was made when the defendant Bruce Shepherd was absent from the Colony and that he never gave any consent to the order, or instruction to any one to consent to it on his behalf, and further that, shortly before the case came on for further consideration, he became aware of the terms of the order and at once objected to it on the point on which it was now impeached and informed his solicitors and the plaintiff and his next friend of his objection. With regard to these allegations he may say at once that it appeared to him, on the facts placed before him, that the solicitors of the defendant Bruce Shepherd had full authority cognisant of the terms of the agreement and order, and that the defendant must be held to be bound by the order. At the hearing the motion was supported by counsel for the defendant Tang Yang Man and for Tang Ho Shi, a party having leave to attend the proceedings, and it was opposed by counsel for the plaintiff. In these circumstances two questions arose for the consideration of the Court, namely, 1st, has the Court power to make the order asked for, and 2nd, if the Court has such power, is it right and proper that that power should be exercised and the required order be made? Concluding his lordship said:—"On the whole matter I come to the conclusion that, so far as the question under consideration is concerned, the agreement and order now under review were apparently made without due attention being given to their nature and effect, and that it is for the benefit of the plaintiff that the arrangement thereby provided for the control and management of his share during his minority should be changed. I accordingly order that the order in this suit made on the 11th January, 1896, be varied in so far as it directs that the share of the plaintiff in the estate of Tang Lok, deceased, be assigned to Tang Chang Shi upon trust for the plaintiff, and that in lieu thereof the defendant Bruce Shepherd be directed to retain the said share until the plaintiff attains the age of 21 years, and on his attaining that age, to assign and pay over the share to him. Any necessary alterations consequential upon this order will also be made in the order under review. If all the parties consent to such an order, I will direct that the costs of all parties upon this motion be paid out of the estate if there is no such consent, I will hear counsel upon the question of costs." Mr. Francis O.C. instructed by Mr. Holmes for the plaintiff, Mr. Pollock instructed by

Messrs. Deacon and Hastings for Tang Kam Shi, Mr. Slade instructed by Mr. Ewens for Tang Ho Shi, Mr. Robinson instructed by Mr. Hastings for the Administrator, Mr. Bruce Shepherd.

ITALY AND CHINA.

(Telegrams from Japanese Papers.)

ITALY STRENGTHENS HER GUARD.

PEKING, March 15th. Italy has increased her guard at Peking. This is supposed to be for the protection of officials in Peking. Italian war vessels at present are cruising near San-Moon Bay. The German fleet is supposed to be concentrating at Kiaochow Bay.

THE OLD LADY AT THE BOTTOM OF IT.

PEKING, March 15th.

It is rumored that the Italian warship *Italo* has arrived in the neighbourhood of Taku from Chefoo. The Dowager-Empress is responsible for the rejection of the Italian demand. The people at present show no signs of uneasiness. The foreign Representatives are passively watching events.

IS MR. MARTINO LOOKING FOR HELP ELSEWHERE?

PEKING, March 16th.

As late as last night the Italian Minister had made no preparations for going home. This is said to be because he wants to negotiate through another Power. Many now doubt Italy's resolution.

THE CHINESE REPLY TO ITALY.

TOKIO, March 16th.

A telegram received in Tokio gives the following as the gist of the reply of the Chinese Government to the Italian demands:—"The Chinese Government will accept and carefully consider the communication of the Italian Government demanding the lease of Sanmun Bay and that China should cede no part of Chekiang province to any foreign country. But it is by no means possible for China to accede to these demands."

CHINA'S ATTITUDE.

PEKING, March 16th.

The strong attitude taken by the Chinese Government with reference to the Italian demand is due to the fact that the Empress Dowager despises Italy, and none of the Chinese Ministers advocates peace in the present crisis. So far the Peking populace is in no way excited.

THE ITALIAN AND GERMAN WARSHIPS.

PEKING, March 16th.

The Italian warships have been seen in the vicinity of Sanmun Bay.

BRITISH INTERVENTION.

PEKING, March 17th.

It is stated that the British Minister paid a visit to the Tsungli Yamen and has offered to undertake to arrange a compromise with Italy. The Chinese authorities having assented, the British Minister has asked for the instructions of his Government.

THE ITALIAN DEMANDS WITHDRAWN.

PEKING, March 17th.

The Italian Government has withdrawn its demands in toto on the ground that the action taken by the Italian Minister at Peking was unauthorized. It is expected that Italy will later renew the negotiations with the assistance of Great Britain.

THE ITALIAN MINISTER DEPARTS.

PEKING, March 18th.

Signor Martino, the Italian Minister to Peking, who has been recalled by his Government, left here to-day for home.

PEKING NEWS.

March 13th.

ITALY IN CHINA.

The "Old Party" at the Tsungli Yamen has probably done more thinking during the last ten days than they have in their lives before. They had a fine chance to put the break on barbarian aggression, and perhaps thought Italy would humbly accept their stern refusal to lease Sanmun Bay for a coaling station. It was a vain hope, for on the 10th inst. Italy sent in an ultimatum which will set the aged men in thinking again and distract them beyond endurance. Most of all is the demand for *hurry* which demands an answer by the 14th (to-morrow). Hitherto these leisurely gentlemen have been accustomed to consume a month in performing about two days' work. According to precedent therefore they would require at least six months to "discuss" the "Italian matter," so it is easy to imagine their indignation at being suddenly compelled to adopt "the pace that kills."

The word "ultimatum" is one of the most noxious to be found in the dictionary—especially to a Chinese, and when it is followed by "pounce" the cup is filled. Still, what can be cured (or avoided) must be endured, and so, as an official of the Board of Punishments remarked, "We must just await Heaven's decree—we can do absolutely nothing." One is tempted to administer consolation and say—"Why, this is just your opportunity! You abused Prince Kung and Li Hung-chang for tamely submitting to barbarian insolence. You deserted your Emperor because he too had allowed himself to be bewitched by foreign ideas. You loudly protested that only firmness was needed to check Western aggression, and continually lamented that you had no *chance* to show the depth of your wisdom and the dauntless courage which dwelt in your hearts. Now you have the long-coveted opportunity. The time has come for your vindication, show your friends and foes, and the whole world that in China as elsewhere "the hour brings the man!" Well, we shall soon see. There is plenty of brave talk and denunciation of the "insatiable foreigner," but alas, there is also much anxious running to paid "insatiables" for counsel, and very humble applications for promises of "protection," or help of some kind, but of resolute determination to defend their country it is hard to find a trace.

It is generally believed by the people that England is backing Italy, and consequently Britons are very unpopular. Whether this is the proper time for removing the Legation guards, may be doubted. Whether it is a "lucky" moment for the British Minister to take a holiday is also doubtful.

RUSSIA IN CHINA. Russia is said to have suggested "uncompromising resistance," but unless China can count on something more substantial than philosophic suggestions, the chances are that after floods of big talk, the brave sages of the Tsungli Yamen will allow one more slice to be taken away from the Middle Kingdom—and then console themselves and their countrymen by noisy brag on what they would have done, if they had gone to war.

Meanwhile the very mention of "REFORM" is not tolerated. The best officials are afraid to visit Peking, and the few obedient consequences. Such is the "wise rule" of the "Peking Tories." Yet when one of the employees of a foreign Legation was known to keep the board of a gang of thieves, the President of the Board of Punishments—the redoubtable "mad dog" of the Tsungli Yamen—Chao Shuchiao was afraid to even mention it to the foreign Minister lest it should "generate trouble." Chinese officials are as gifted as Episcopallans in leaving

"undone" that which ought to be done," and can say as truly "there is no health in us." Still we must be fair sometimes—there is a difference of degree—and ought to be—Mercury Cor.

THE "ARCHER'S" MISSION.

POSITION IN PALAWAN.

HAULING DOWN THE BRITISH FLAG.

H.M.S. *Archer* which it will be remembered, left Singapore suddenly early on the morning of Sunday, Feb. 26th, under sealed orders, returned yesterday afternoon and anchored in the roads. There was a general belief when the ship sailed that her destination was the island of Palawan where, it was thought, there might have been some native disturbance. That belief was direct to the contrary. Her orders were received from home by telegraph, and they were that she was to proceed as quickly as possible to that island where, it was stated, the British flag had been hoisted by the natives. The *Archer's* mission was to haul it down. On arriving off a small settlement on the Palawan coast, the British red ensign was seen to be flying; and the ship had not been at anchor any length of time before several Filipino natives came ashore and with them a Commander Dore. He informed them that he had been instructed to take the flag down, and that it would be his duty to do so. Some palaver ensued, in the course of which it became apparent that the inhabitants of the town had hoisted the British flag because they thought it might afford them protection from bands of brigands who were ensconced in the island, and who had been repeatedly firing on the inhabitants and creating general havoc. The Filipino deputation made it clear they had not heard that the island of Palawan had been ceded by Spain to the United States, and they accordingly promised that the flag should be lowered. When they had returned to the shore, the ensign was immediately lowered and the *Archer's* work was accomplished. The brigands who held the hills at the rear of the settlement were said to have caused the inhabitants a great deal of annoyance; but their depredations had been considerably lessened since the British ensign was hoisted. It was noticed that when the *Archer* anchored they hastily retired; and during the few days the *Archer* remained there no trouble was experienced from them. When the cruiser left there was no trouble. The only inhabitants were natives; there was no European, or at least no one put in at Labuan, on the 26th inst., on her way back and brought on from that port one bag of mails for London and a bag of mails for Singapore. She went alongside Tanjong Pagar this morning to coal, preparatory to leaving for home on Sunday. Had the *Brisk* arrived from England a day or so earlier than she did, she would, it is stated, have gone to Palawan instead of the *Archer*. The *Brisk* left here some days back for Hongkong. The *Imperialist*, we understand, stays here until the arrival of the newly commissioned *Orlando* and *Janus* which are not expected for two or three weeks yet.—*Strait Times*.

PRESENTATION TO CAPTAIN ST. GEORGE.

(*Singapore Daily Telegraph* February 25st.)—Tangible proof of the esteem in which Captain St. John George, of the E. and A. Company's steamer *Memphis*, is held by the yachting community of Sydney was given last evening by the representative gathering that assembled on board the steamer at Circular Quay to do honor to the captain on the occasion of his promotion to the command. Captain St. John George has had a lengthy connection with the E. and A. Company, and his promotion to a command is well deserved and popular amongst his Sydney friends. Mr. J. A. Minnett occupied the chair, and proposed the health of the captain. In doing so he referred to the interest that the captain had at all times displayed in connection with the yachting and boating of Port Jackson, and on behalf of the present congratulated him on his appointment to such a high command. He then handed the captain, on behalf of his numerous friends, an illuminated address, expressive of their esteem, accompanied by a pair of marine glasses. The toast was supported by Mr. Livingstone L. Mann, and the health of the captain was toasted with musical honors. Captain St. John George suitably replied, expressing the pleasure it gave him to meet so many old friends, and thanking them for their many good wishes. Major George, who has also called upon, thanked those present for the many kind words that had been said on behalf of his friend. Other toasts were honored, including "Success to the E. and A. Company," which was proposed by Mr. A. G. Gilson, and responded to by Captain S. G. Green, the marine superintendent of the company, and Mr. Whitley, representing Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., the local agents for the E. and A. Company. The address, which was beautifully illuminated, shows some realistic sketches of the harbor, including the entrance to Port Jackson, and artistic views of several of the E. and A. Company's steamers, including the *Australian*, *Memphis*, and *Imperialist*. The address refers to the pleasure and satisfaction which his appointment as commander has given, and to the regard and esteem in which he was held by his numerous Sydney friends and old boating comrades, expressing the hope it would serve as remembrance of the many pleasant sails they had had together on the waters in and around Port Jackson in different crafts, ranging from the 14-footer *Denison*, to the 10-footer *Halder*, and the 1-tonner *Posidon*, to the 10-tonner *Era*. The address concluded:—"We trust that you and your good wife may ever enjoy prosperity and happiness, and we feel sure that through the storm and tempest which strewn life's sea, our friend, St. George, will ever maintain the best traditions of the British sailor." Among those present were Mr. J. A. Minnett, Captain S. G. Green (E. and A. Company), Mr. L. F. Mann, Major George, Mr. C. J. Henty, Mr. F. A. Ireland, Mr. F. H. Horsey, Mr. P. H. Morton, Captain Webber, Mr. Fred. Robinson, Mr. H. Figgis, Mr. Frank Bladen, Mr. Robin Masie, Mr. A. G. Gilson, Mr. Fred. Waley, Mr. D. W. Roxburgh, Mr. S. W. Spain, Mr. Arthur Norton, Mr. Otto Bauer, Mr. T. E. Crawell, Mr. T. George, Mr. V. Mann, Mr. C. E. Minnett, Mr. George S. Pearson, Mr. A. Spain, Mr. J. Sully, Mr. Walter Reeks, Mr. E. A. P. Whitley, Mr. A. Jenks. The address, which was the work of a personal friend of the captain's was greatly admired. The *Memphis* was beautifully decorated with flags in honor of the occasion.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

MARCH.
Meteorological mean based on ten years' observations to 1893.
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WEATHER REPORT.
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1875—Wreck of s.s. *Yen-tze-Ju* near Amoy.
1895—First British-East African Company surrendered its charter to the Government.
1897—Khorat Railway opened by King of Siam.

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1858—The Shanghai Chamber of Commerce presented a memorial to Lord Elgin.
1871—Proclamation of the Paris Commune.
1884—Duke of Albany died.
1894—The Korean political refugee Kim Ok Kinn assassinated at Shanghai.
1897—Indian Relief Works employing 2,811,000 persons.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.
American (*City of Peking*) 30th inst.
Indian (*Koh-i-nur*) 1st prox.
German (*Prinz Heinrich*) 4th prox.
Australian (*Guthrie*) 4th prox.
American (*Guelic*) 6th prox.
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